that Government may be pleased to undertake repairs to such tanks, levying the cost of the earthwork from the raiyats in three instalments as an arrear of land revenue.

If it is not possible to find sufficient funds for it, an additional cess may be levied and the amount utilized in the restoration of minor tanks until all the tanks are restored.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 110.

Restoration of minor tanks.

Messrs. Hema-Hanumanthiah, Karnik Nallappa and Yajaman Huchaiya, Tumkur Municipality, and Huchiregowda, Gubbi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The necessity of restoring minor tanks and the silt dams above them has been discussed last year. Although large projects such as the Marikanave and the Kannambadi, are the means by which the resources of the State are highly developed, the profit which they yield is only 2 to 3 per cent upon the investment and the raiyats of small villages at distant places derive no benefit therefrom. The question of restoring these old tanks may be investigated and such of them as would yield a profit of nearly 5 per cent should be repaired by allotment of large sums annually. The raiyats formerly used to have what were called *Yekkalkattes* which they used to dig up annually. These *kattes* trapped up all the silt and prevented the tank from silting. The silt used to be taken for renewing the soil.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 111.

Minor tanks and Irrigation works.

Mr. S. Ramanna, Hassan Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Under the existing system, each tank in a series is considered with its own atchkat and classed as major or minor according as the revenue derived thereunder is Rs. 300 and above or below that sum. If the valley is not broad, the tanks in such valley will also be small with an achkat in proportion to it. In such series, one depends on the other for supply of water. If one tank is damaged and is out of repair, the series will be affected. Owing to neglect of timely repairs and supervision such tanks are not what they ought to be. Consequently, general supply of water to crops is diminished and scarcity of water for people and cattle is generally felt in summer. Pray therefore that tanks in a series may be considered as one irrigation work, and construction and repairs of such tanks taken up by the Public Works Department for the prosperity of the agricultural classes without consideration of each tank. In such cases it is unfair to the raiyats to take the atchkat of each tank separately. All the tanks in the series practically form one and so the whole atchkat has to be taken into account.

Reply of Government.—Noted.